

the program as necessary to reflect changing conditions.

Sec. 100.006. DATA COLLECTION. (a) To ensure an accurate source of data, the executive commissioner may require a health facility or health professional to make available for review by the department or by an authorized agent medical records or other information in the facility's or professional's custody or control that relates to an occurrence of an emerging or neglected tropical disease.

(b) The department shall reimburse a health facility or health professional for the actual costs incurred by the facility or professional in making copies of medical records or other information available to the department.

(c) The executive commissioner by rule shall prescribe the manner in which information is reported to the department.

Sec. 100.007. DATABASE. (a) Information collected and analyzed by the department or an authorized agent under this chapter may be placed in a central database to facilitate information sharing and provider education.

(b) The department may use the database to:

(1) design and evaluate measures to prevent the occurrence of emerging and neglected tropical diseases and other health conditions; and

(2) provide information and education to providers on the incidence of emerging and neglected tropical diseases.

Sec. 100.008. EDUCATIONAL AND INFORMATIONAL MATERIALS. The department shall make available to health facilities and health professionals:

(1) educational and informational materials concerning emerging and neglected tropical diseases; and

(2) information on the importance of monitoring and surveilling emerging and neglected tropical diseases.

SECTION 2. Not later than November 1, 2015, the executive commissioner of the Health and Human Services Commission shall adopt rules as required by Section 100.005, Health and Safety Code, as added by this Act.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.

Passed by the House on May 8, 2015: Yeas 138, Nays 4, 2 present, not voting; passed by the Senate on May 26, 2015: Yeas 30, Nays 1.

Approved June 17, 2015.

Effective September 1, 2015.

RESCISSION OR WAIVER OF AN ACCELERATION OF THE MATURITY DATE OF CERTAIN DEBT SECURED BY A LIEN ON REAL PROPERTY

CHAPTER 759

H.B. No. 2067

AN ACT

relating to the rescission or waiver of an acceleration of the maturity date of certain debt secured by a lien on real property.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 16, Civil Practice and Remedies Code, is amended by adding Section 16.038 to read as follows:

Sec. 16.038. RESCISSION OR WAIVER OF ACCELERATED MATURITY DATE.

(a) If the maturity date of a series of notes or obligations or a note or obligation payable

in installments is accelerated, and the accelerated maturity date is rescinded or waived in accordance with this section before the limitations period expires, the acceleration is deemed rescinded and waived and the note, obligation, or series of notes or obligations shall be governed by Section 16.035 as if no acceleration had occurred.

(b) Rescission or waiver of acceleration is effective if made by a written notice of a rescission or waiver served as provided in Subsection (c) by the lienholder, the servicer of the debt, or an attorney representing the lienholder on each debtor who, according to the records of the lienholder or the servicer of the debt, is obligated to pay the debt.

(c) Service of a notice under Subsection (b) must be by first class or certified mail and is complete when the notice is deposited in the United States mail, postage prepaid and addressed to the debtor at the debtor's last known address. The affidavit of a person knowledgeable of the facts to the effect that service was completed is prima facie evidence of service.

(d) A notice served under this section does not affect a lienholder's right to accelerate the maturity date of the debt in the future nor does it waive past defaults.

(e) This section does not create an exclusive method for waiver and rescission of acceleration or affect the accrual of a cause of action and the running of the related limitations period under Section 16.035(e) on any subsequent maturity date, accelerated or otherwise, of the note or obligation or series of notes or obligations.

SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies with respect to a maturity date accelerated before, on, or after the effective date of this Act and any notice of a rescission or waiver of an accelerated maturity date served before, on, or after the effective date of this Act.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2015.

Passed by the House on May 12, 2015: Yeas 145, Nays 0, 2 present, not voting; passed by the Senate on May 26, 2015: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

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Effective June 17, 2015.

MEDAL FOR CERTAIN MEMBERS OF THE MILITARY FORCES WHO SERVED DURING THE COLD WAR

CHAPTER 760

H.B. No. 2108

AN ACT

relating to a medal for certain members of the military forces who served during the Cold War.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. Section 437.355, Government Code, is reenacted to incorporate amendments made to Section 431.134, Government Code, by Chapter 243 (H.B. 402), Acts of the 83rd Legislature, Regular Session, 2013, and amended to read as follows:

Sec. 437.355. **OTHER AWARDS.** (a) The governor or adjutant general, if delegated the authority, may adopt policies and regulations relating to awarding:

(1) the Texas Purple Heart Medal, which shall be awarded to a service member who, after September 11, 2001:

(A) was inducted into federal service from the Texas National Guard; and

(B) meets the criteria for an award of the federal Purple Heart Medal;